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1. Centrotex is the name of the state trading corporation which was set up in Czechoslovakia after the Communist coup d'etat in 1948 to market the products of the Czechoslovak textile industry abroad.

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2. While this corporation is without doubt a genuine state business concern, there is evidence that certain of its more important members are active Communists, as indeed might be expected in view of the Czech political situation. They may, therefore, give effect to political directives in the course of their normal business journeys. While it seems right to sound this warning, it should be remembered that so far no evidence is available from any quarter of Communist proselytism or other subversive activities on the part of Russian or satellite business representatives.

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